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FM AMEMBASSY VIENTIANE

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AMEMBASSY BUCHAREST

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SUBJECT: AMERICANS IN SOUTH VIET-NAM

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1. WE AGREE WITH DEPOFF'S SUGGESTIONS TO UNHCR REP  
NEW YORK (PARS 4 AND 5 REFTEL) REGARDING DESIRABILITY  
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OF UNHCR TRANSPORTING RETURNEES TO BANGKOK RATHER

THAN VIENTIANE. FACILITIES DO NOT EXIST HERE FOR THEM TO COMMUNICATE WITH THEIR HOMES OR TO OBTAIN FUNDS; NOR IS THERE ANY MEDICAL CARE AVAILABLE. ALL RETURNEES DELIVERED TO VIENTIANE WOULD THEN BE PRESENTED WITH PROBLEMS OF GETTING THEMSELVES TO BANGKOK.

2. HOWEVER, SHOULD UNHCR DECIDE THAT RETURNEES WILL IN FACT ONLY BE TRANSPORTED TO VIENTIANE, WE ARE, OF COURSE, PREPARED TO GIVE EVERY ASSISTANCE TO AMERICAN CITIZENS OR OTHERS TO WHOM THE U.S. OWES ASSISTANCE AMONG THEM. THIS WOULD PRESUMABLY INVOLVE ARRANGING AND PAYING FOR THEIR ONWARD TRAVEL TO BANGKOK ON THAI AIRWAYS AND RAL (IF THE CARAVELLE IS AVAILABLE), WHICH MAY BE DELAYED SINCE ALL RETURNEES WILL BE COMPETING WITH REGULAR TRAVELERS FOR FEW SEATS AVAILABLE AND HELPING THEM WITH THEIR LIVING EXPENSES WHILE IN VIENTIANE. TO DO SO WE WOULD REQUIRE AUTHORIZATION FROM DEPARTMENT TO SPEND FUNDS FOR THESE PURPOSES. WE ASSUME ALLOTMENT FOR EMERGENCIES IN THE DIPLOMATIC AND CONSULAR SERVICE COULD BE CHARGED FOR THIS PURPOSE; IF NOT PLEASE ADVISE.

3. IF IT WERE NOT POSSIBLE TO ARRANGE SWIFT ONWARD AIR TRANSPORTATION TO BANGKOK, DEPARTMENT MIGHT WISH TO CONSIDER OUR TAKING AMERICAN CITIZEN RETURNEES TO THA DEUA, WHERE THEY COULD CROSS THE MEKONG TO NONG KHAI AND BE PICKED UP BY CONSULATE UDORN AND THEN TRANSPORTED FROM UDORN RTAFB BY USAF PLANES.

4. IF ANY RETURNEES HAVE MEDICAL DIFFICULTIES, OUR ABILITY TO ASSIST THEM WILL BE LIMITED. EMBASSY DOES HAVE TCN NURSE BUT NO DOCTOR. LOCAL MEDICAL FACILITIES ARE ALMOST NON-EXISTENT. MOST DOCTORS AND OTHER MEDICAL STAFF HAVE DECAMPED AND MEDICINE IS IN VERY SHORT SUPPLY.  
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